

c. Secretary Babbitt's Contact with Paul Eckstein

Bruce Babbitt and Paul Eckstein met in 1962, when they both were first-year law students at Harvard University. They were introduced by a mutual friend because they both came to Harvard from Arizona. Though not close friends during school, upon their graduation in 1965 they took a bar review course together and then drove to the Tucson exam site together. Eckstein then joined the Phoenix law firm of Brown, Valassis & Bain as an associate, while Babbitt went to Texas for his work with the Office of Economic Opportunity. *See* Section II.B.2., *supra*.

In 1967, Babbitt returned to Phoenix and joined the Brown, Valassis & Bain firm as an associate, becoming only the eighth lawyer in the firm at that time. He and Eckstein remained in practice together at that firm over the next seven years, both eventually becoming partners. Babbitt left the firm in 1974, upon his election as Attorney General of Arizona, a campaign in which Eckstein supported him.

Babbitt became Governor of Arizona in March 1978 by succession when the incumbent died in office. Over the next few months, Eckstein provided political advice and support to Babbitt, becoming known in the local media as a member of Babbitt's "kitchen cabinet."⁴²⁹ Eckstein also played a supportive role in Babbitt's successful campaign for election to his new office in the fall of 1978, and in 1982 Eckstein served as Chairman of Babbitt's re-election campaign. As Campaign Chairman, Eckstein occasionally appeared and spoke on Babbitt's behalf, and played an active role in fund-raising for the campaign.

When Babbitt ran for President in the 1988 primaries, Eckstein was unable to play an active role because he was preoccupied as co-lead prosecutor in the Arizona Senate impeachment

⁴²⁹Eckstein G.J. Test. at 13.